उत्तर प्रदेश में रेल लाइनों के परिवर्तन के लिये परियोजनायें

2847. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश के पूर्वी जिलों में छोटी लाइनों के बड़ी लाइनों में परिवर्तन के लिए गोरखपुर मंडल में कितनी परियोजनाएं ली जानी हैं, उन पर कार्य कब तक शुरू कर दिया जाएगा और इस संबंध में कितने करोड़ रुपये व्यय किये जाने का अनुमान है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०सी० लेंका) : उत्तर प्रदेश के पूर्वी जिलों में कोई छोटी लाइन नहीं है ।

Gauge conversion on the Fazilka-Kotkapura Section

2848. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of gauge-conversion on the Fazilka Kotkapura section of the Northern Railway in Punjab has been completed; if so, when;

(b) whether Government are aware that due to suspension of train services on that section, the people of the surrounding areas have been subjected to great inconvenience;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for non-restoration of normal train services on that section;

(d) whether Government propose to provide direct rail link to that area with the national capital; and

(e) if so, by when and if not; the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (e) Fazilka-Kotkapura Metre Gauge section was closed for conversion into Broad Gauge w.e.f. 13-12-92. This may have caused some inconvenience to the travelling public but conversion cannot be done without such a traffic block. The conversion work has since been completed and arrangements are being made to restore normal Broad Gauge service. However, at present there is no proposal to link Fazilka-Kotkapura with the national capital for want of commercial justification.

Improvement in train services

2849. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals requests for improvement in train services and introduction of new trains in Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what action is being taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if the reply to part (a) be in negative the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C LENKA): (a) to (d) Representations for improvement in train services including introduction of new trains in various parts of the country including Punjab are received from time to time through different channels. These are duly examined and action as found reasible is taken.

Running small narrow guage train in Vidarbha section

2850. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a small narrow gauge train running between Akola-Murtijapur and Arvi in Vidarbha Division of Maharashtra is still not owned by the Indian Railways;